Manufecturing of Hundred-Seater Jet Planes

814. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to entrust the work of manufacturing hundred-seater jet plane to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited,

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when its production work is likely to start and by when it is likely to take off flight,

(c) what is its estimated cost;

(d) whether there is any proposal to use these planes in domestic flights; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) The feasibility study of design and development of a hundred-seater aircraft is being conducted jointly by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Aeronautical Development Agency, under the overall supervision of Defence Research & Development Organisation. It is too early to give further details of the project.

ISI Agents in Cantonments

815. SHRI AHANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned, Encroachers into Cantt. areas act as ISI agents, reported in the Hindustan Times dated 12th July, 1999;

(b) if so, whether in some Cantonments particularly those located in U.P., several outsiders have encroached the areas and are operating from there as ISI agents; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check such encroachers who are ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government has seen the news report. However, no case of encroachment in Cantonment areas in UP or elsewhere by people who operate as ISI agents has come to Government's notice.